



Washtenaw County Wide Area Fiber Network (WAN)

RFP #6353 – Addendum #2

Date: October 17, 2007

Notices:

1. Reminder: The proposal due date is Wednesday, October 24, 2007 – 2:00 pm and the question deadline has now passed.
2. Reminder – all forms are available at the Plante Moran and Washtenaw County Websites. You must complete all forms and submit your proposal in hard copy (1 original and 4 copies) plus a CD / diskette of your forms in their original Excel format.

Questions raised via e-mail since pre-bid meeting of October 4, 2007:

1. On the Appendix A Network Construction and Make Ready Cost sheets for the Base Bid Proposal item #6 refers to a point to point connection listed as Route1 (County Admin to Mental Health). We do not understand what is intended here since that connection is actually contained in Alternate II. Why is this listed in the Base Bid cost forms? Then item #7 on the Base Bid cost sheet lists a point to point connection with the Source building being the County Admin building and the Destination being the same building and listed as Route 2. Could you clarify what these 2 items are and if they should be included in the Base Bid?

Answer: Thank you for catching this mistake. The RFP drawings are accurate however you caught that the form is in error. **Please note the following important correction:** In the Excel spreadsheets you will note on the tab “Base Bid” (the form is titled “Appendix A: Base Proposal Network Construction and Make Ready Costs”). On this form you will note the following under both “Option A” and “Option B”:

6	County Admin. Building [Route-1]	Mental Health (Ellsworth)	Point-to-Point	24
7	County Admin. Building [Route-2]	County Admin. Building	Point-to-Point	24

These should **not** be listed here as they are part of Alternate II (as already shown on that form). Thus, you should not show figures on this form for these two items – under Option A or Option B. On a minor side point – this form shows the Total of Capped Make Ready Costs as line item 7 – that should be numbered 8.

2. In the meeting it was made clear that the redundant ring (Base Add Alt II- Appendix B) was to built as a geographically diverse connect route, utilizing a separate entry/exit point on the building relative to the Primary Ring. Regarding the primary ring, will it be allowable to make a splice point outside the building, and collapse the input/output fibers of the ring into the same sheath, i.e., if we are building a 24-ct fiber ring, splice those fibers into a single 48 –ct sheath outside the building and have both sides of the ring in the single 48-ct sheath for the building ingress/egress?

Answer: Yes. This is explained in the Addendum #1.



3. When I scanned through the RFP, I did not see where it addresses the network electronics required to light the fiber once it has been buried in the ground. I was wondering if there will be a separate bid at a later time for the procurement of optical switches to light the fiber between buildings. Will there be such a bid? Or does the county already have the network electronics to light the fiber?

Answer: Network Electronics is not within the scope of this RFP. The exact plans for filling this need will be determined at a later date.

4. Does the County have any plans/needs to support SAN with Fiber Channel at multiple sites over the base and/or add's in the proposed design ? If NAS or DAS is in scope then the RFP Base and Add Alt 2 are definitely interesting ways to provide high availability cluster technology.

Answer: Among the many possible applications which could be implemented with the fiber plant, these would certainly be considered.

5. Does the contractor bid each Alternate as a stand alone item?

Answer: You are required to bid on the base bid then you are free to bid on any or all of the alternates. That is, we will not accept bids / proposals that are only for an alternate(s). In terms of each alternate, yes, you should bid / propose each as a stand alone item since it is uncertain which will be awarded. Each alternate should be an incremental cost above the cost of the base bid.

6. 214 Lake Street - South Lyon - is this address East or West Lake Street (Add Alternate III)?

Answer: It is West Lake Street

This constitutes all known questions raised. If you feel there are any items not covered, it is your responsibility to notify Bill O'Reilly at Plante Moran (bill.oreilly@plantemoran.com) as only these written statements are part of the permanent project specifications.

** End of Addendum #2**